

Table 7. Doctoral scientists and engineers employed as postdocs, by field of doctorate: 2001

Field of doctorate	Number	Percent
Total on postdoc ¹	21,870	100.0
Sciences.....	20,700	94.7
Computer and information sciences.....	50	0.2
Mathematical sciences.....	900	4.1
Biological and agricultural sciences.....	12,890	58.9
Agricultural/food sciences.....	650	3.0
Biological sciences.....	12,080	55.2
Environmental life sciences.....	160	0.7
Health sciences.....	520	2.4
Physical and related sciences.....	3,820	17.5
Chemistry except biochemistry.....	1,800	8.2
Earth/atmos/ocean sciences.....	550	2.5
Physics and astronomy.....	1,470	6.7
Social sciences.....	720	3.3
Economics.....	80	0.4
Political and related sciences.....	180	0.8
Sociology.....	150	0.7
Other social sciences.....	310	1.4
Psychology.....	1,800	8.2
Engineering.....	1,170	5.3
Aerospace/aeronautical engineering.....	60	0.3
Chemical engineering.....	110	0.5
Civil engineering.....	130	0.6
Electrical/computer engineering.....	130	0.6
Materials/metallurgical engineering.....	200	0.9
Mechanical engineering.....	140	0.6
Other engineering.....	410	1.9

¹ Postdoc is a temporary position awarded in academe, industry or government primarily for gaining additional education and training in research.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest ten. Details may not add to total because of rounding.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 2001 Survey of Doctorate Recipients